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Bro. Vandee and wife of Illinois, have both been prostrated with sickness for some time. They have our sympathy.

"Parliament of the World's Religions" is the title of an excellent editorial, by Bro. Bashor, on the hook for next EVANGELIST.

Do you know that the postoffice will not give us cash for the postage stamps you send us? That is the reason we do not want you to send us stamps in amounts exceeding ten cents. That will supply us with all we can use in the office.

To our agents and friends who expect to increase our subscription this year, NOW IS THE TIME to be at work. The paper to the end of the year is the best liberal offer we shall be able to make, and that inducement will decrease rapidly as the weeks roll off.

A letter mailed at San Bernardino, Calif., Sept. 26th, informing us of his meeting an accident in Chicago causing his return to his home. Bro. Eshelman arrived at this office Oct. 7th. We are glad to note that a later letter informs us of his convalescence.

Callers at the EVANGELIST office in connection with attendance at the Illiokota conference whose names we just now think of were, Elds. Jos. Zook, H. S. Enslow, J. O. Talley, Z. T. Livengood, Brethren E. C. Stillwell, C. Rowland, Sanger, Levi Lichty, S. Smith, Dr. McClain, and Sisters Laura Hawkins, Emma and Cora Lichty, Sallie Gibbons. Such occasions are oases in an editor's life.

Bro. J. Allen Miller will begin his outlines on Bible History and Geography in the first issue of November. All of our ministers who desire to read up on this subject are hereby urged to procure the text book adopted, viz: Blaikie's Manual of Bible History and Geography. Address this office enclosing the price, \$1.50. Members of the association can see on their membership ticket the price to them. We shall endeavor to begin at the same time Dr. Harper's Bible studies in Acts and Epistles.

Bro. Rath, of Burr Oak, Kan., makes the following criticism on our World's Fair number. Please weigh it.

No 37 just received is excellent, only one thing I should desire, if our worthy brothers who write upon such important subjects as Baptism, etc., that when they make any quotations outside the Scriptures and bring in evidences of Church Fathers or early historians, that they give the language in full, not only the author, book and page, for our laity have not the books to refer to and consequently will not be made so impressive as if the language in full was given.

The family of Bro. J. M. Lichty has been sorely afflicted. Sister L. has been with Bert at Madison, Wis., and Irvin has been at home under the care of his father and sister. All seem to

be out of danger, but still a long ways from good health. The family is greatly missed in all our church work and services, and has the sympathy of the entire community. Irvin is a successful and popular teacher, and without solicitation was nominated by the Democrats of this county for Superintendent of schools, but he declines to run.

If our patrons would allow us to purchase whatever books they may need we could generally save them money and have a profit ourselves. We mean any kind of books except public school text books. Not long ago a sister ordered a Bible from us. Before it arrived a peddler happened to call and succeeded in selling one of his to the sister. But when the one ordered from us arrived she found that ours was a greatly superior book in every way, although the price was the same. So it is with your music books: We can supply them as cheap as you can buy them and still have a profit. If you want a standard book on any subject, but do not know the name of author or publisher we can likely procure for you what you want.

The Illiokota conference held at Hudson was by far the best of four excellent conferences that have as yet been held in the district—best in attendance, best in representation, best in interest, best in character of work done, and best in spirit. The secretary's report will be published next week. The officers for next year are: President, J. O. Talley; Vice Pres., Z. T. Livengood; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Emma K. Lichty. Z. T. Livengood the retiring member of the mission board was re-elected. The board was given liberty to employ at their discretion evangelists to hold regular services for weak churches.

We are now receiving orders for job work from several of our brethren living in distant states. We give this office will do work for you cheaper, much cheaper, than most offices and just as good as any of them. Give us a trial on cards, envelopes, letter heads, circulars, programs, invoices, statements, tracts, or anything you may need in the printing line. Stand by your own institution. You have a printing house of your own: therefor you are under no obligations to any other. "Charity begins at home." Send along your orders. They will be promptly and satisfactorily filled.

The Johnstown S. S. C. E. makes a very creditable report in this number of the EVANGELIST. This loyalty to the action of National Conference is most commendable. It is an example worthy of imitation and emulation. If there is one thing above another in which we need training it is to be "subject one to another." We have no burden that would be heavy if an equal share was born by all. But so long as any of us are negligent in performing our part, as requested by National conference, so long will a few be overburdened, and the work of the church drag. The neglect or refusal of local churches to fully cooperate in plans adopted by National Conference have been passed over too lightly. Those who perform their part should have the praise of doing well, and those who ignore such work should feel the lash of reproof and correction, and be made to wear the blush of shame. No place for anarchy should be given in the Brethren church.

SUCCESS.

We commend those who "discern the signs of the times," and who learn from others' success and failure, but we commend him more who learns his plans of work from the Word of God. Success in our eyes is not always success in God's eyes; neither is failure in our eyes failure in His. Of

one thing we may be sure: we can never leave God's plan of doing anything and adopt one of our own without ultimate failure, absolute and certain. It surely looked like failure to old Elijah to be the only one honoring God, but it is just that which makes him the hero of that age. Of course there is a vast difference between what the Lord really teaches and what some of us think. He means even though he has not said so. Daniel must have thought his work a miserable failure when he found himself being cast into the lion's den, but God made a great victory out of it for him. And so He will for us. There is no failure except in departure from God's law, and there is no success except in obeying his voice. "Be not deceived, God is not mocked: whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

A SENSIBLE VIEW.

The following is the way an aged brother writes to the EVANGELIST:

I would regret very much to have the EVANGELIST discontinued to me. It affords much good reading and encouragement, although I cannot endorse all that is published in its columns—I can pass that by.

This we consider a sensible and consistent view. No two persons think exactly alike upon all subjects. It is impossible even for husband and wife to do so. Yet there are many happy and harmonious homes testifying that marriage is not a failure. When a man discovers that his wife holds a view different from himself he does not at once set out for a divorce—not even if he cannot convince her that he is right and that she is wrong.

If there cannot be absolute unanimity of sentiment even where the ties of consanguinity are as strong as life itself, why should we be so unphilosophical as to insist on such unanimity in the church? We are not to be guided by the opinions of our institutions, but by the will of God. If my child steals it is not my will that decides it but the evidence. Indeed evidence often compels us to decide contrary to what we believe is best for our present welfare; but what else can we do? A man cannot by an act of the will believe it is dark when it is light, nor hot when it is cold.

This of course does not apply to those who allow their kinsfolks, church or party to think for them. It is the slavery of Romanism to put under ban of ostracism all who do not hold the same opinions on questions as ourselves. Personally we would like to have every man and woman honestly following his convictions count us as his or her affectionate brother regardless of where he stands socially, religiously or politically.

What we believe is mostly the result of thought. Our instincts are all inborn. Our prejudices are borrowed from our surroundings during the formative period of our character. These influences we did not create, neither did we place ourselves in contact with them. And this is true of all men and women. Then should we be punished with social, religious or business ostracism for being the victim of circumstances different from others, or others for being the victims of circumstances different from us?

The majority of people are honest but ignorant, and none of us know so much that we can boast. The Amishman who insists on hooks and eyes as the only proper fastening for a Christian's coat, and the Fahrnschts, that it is a sin to listen to a preacher of any denomination but their own, are just as honest in these convictions as we are that it is a gross superstition and delusion. Should we not rather pity than denounce them. Is it not likely that those who oppose our interpretation of

the Scriptures are just as honest as ourselves? Is it not likely, too, that they have as strong a desire as ourselves to be accepted when we shall be rewarded according as our own deeds have been.

THE WINNING POWER OF LOVE

Through the help of our readers in furnishing us names we have been sending out large numbers of sample copies of the EVANGELIST. These are bringing in some new subscribers and many letters of good will and brotherly love. The following letter is a good example.

To the Editor of the BRETHREN EVANGELIST, Waterloo, Iowa.—Dear Bro: Through the kindness of some friend or brother we have been favored with weekly visits of EVANGELIST for five or six weeks. Not knowing who was prompted to have the paper sent to our address, we beg leave to take this method of expressing our appreciation of their kindness. May the good Lord bless them for the same. The EVANGELIST is read and re-read and highly appreciated by us. Especially the World's Fair number which we propose preserving for future reference. We are familiarly acquainted with Eld. G. A. Copp of Fisher's Hill, Va., also Eld. Z. A. Copp of Lathrop, Ca'.

The writer is a brother-in-law of these brethren.

I am a member of the G. B. Brethren church, although I think we should feel that we are one in Christ Jesus. May God bless you and all His children. Yours in hope of eternal life.

W. H. SPITTLE,

Meadow, Mills, Va.

On the rule to exclude all matter disrespectful to the German Baptist Brethren, and all other Christian denominations, there seems to be almost universal rejoicing among our own people. They seem to regret the publication of such matter even more than those whom it directly affected. The following are some of the responses on this point:

Good! That is the right spirit even though not a subscriber may be secured from them by it.

G. ALLEN KALL.

I am pleased to hear of the sentiment expressed by our Brethren beloved in reference to our G. B. Brethren. This sentiment expresses the pleasing thought that we are Brethren.

A. B. RATH.

I am delighted to hear of the spirit which shall be shown in the EVANGELIST toward the Conservative element, I have urged this course by voice and pen persistently since the day when Bro. Garber was editor. "Stick to it if it takes the hair off."

Dr. V. M. REICHARD.

No one can be more pleased than I am over the conclusion of conference to cease the "clubbing" business, and instead cultivate love and good will toward our G. B. Brethren, for we have so much in common with them and they with us that it does not pay to rend each other. Let the root of bitterness be dug up, burnt and the ashes scattered to the four winds of Heaven.

M. M. ESHELMAN.

I am particularly glad to know that no publication will go out to the public through the columns of the EVANGELIST that would show disrespect toward the G. B. Brethren. May the writers for the EVANGELIST be so inspired with Holy love and charity, that each publication sent out will manifest a spirit of tenderness and brotherly kindness which will be promotive to unity, and all spiritual good. You will have my sympathy and help in trying to unite a deeper love and fuller fellowship throughout the brotherhood. May God's blessings richly continue to be your portion. And may the Holy Spirit lead you in your editorial work for the church.

JOHNATHAN M. JAY.

Not wishing to make false impressions, it is necessary to state that one able brother thinks the rule is a bad one to follow. In answer to this brother we would refer to the remark in Brother Blough's article, that once we get everything swept clean from before our door then we will step into our neighbor's yard and try to help him. If he sees every thing is clean before our door he will appreciate our help much

more. You know we don't like to receive charity from paupers. We like Bro. S. B. Bickley's idea on this point. Said he, "let the Brethren church be consistent so that others seeing her good works—not the rags covering themselves—will thereby be led to glorify God our Father."

Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." That is the best church which most fully inculcates the spirit and character of Christ in its members. No church ever has or ever will grow in real power and influence without God's blessing. This he bestows, but only when we worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Love is the only successful conquerer in the world. It takes law, police and armies to govern those who have been subjugated by any other force. Union of men and women is possible only where love is made the bond. No others will endure the strain of stormy brains and cold hearts. And what it takes to hold men it takes to win them. Let us therefore finally, my brethren be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about you with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. All taking the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

OUR CALIFORNIA TRIP AND EDITORIAL MISCELLANY. NO. VII.

(Continued from last week.)

JULY 20TH.

Having failed in all of our tours to meet Sister Ellen Gnagey, now in Pasadena, we felt it would be socially almost an unpardonable sin not to make her at least a call. After much walking and more inquiry we at last found her in a very pleasant home, looking well and happy; although she expressed a sense of loss in not having an opportunity to meet and worship God with others of like precious faith, as she was want to do at Meyersdale and Milledgeville.

In the afternoon we attended a meeting at the Temple. Here a body of Christians from many different denominations, tired of the sham, show, hypocrisy and lifelessness in the strong and popular churches meet for worship. The striking characteristic of their work consists in hearing requests for prayer for definite purposes—such as the restoration to health of self, relative or friend, relief from embarrassing financial conditions, restraining of some wayward husband, son or daughter. Only single immersion is administered to those seeking admittance by baptism. The sacrament is taken monthly. There was an air of piety, sincerity and devotion in the meeting that we greatly enjoyed.

About ten o'clock we left Los Angeles for Portland, Oregon, on a second class ticket, expecting to stop off at Lathrop, the home of